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The Christmas just passed in St. Johns was the most enjoyable in a general way that has occurred for a number of years. One reason for this was that there was found to be practically no real destitution, and there were few if any hungry mouths to fill through charity. Work in plenty and good wages placed all in a happy and con-tented condition. The stores, so far as learned, did an unprecedented business.

The need of an opera house in St. Johns is urged by a writer elsewhere in this paper. As the population increases this need ial becoming more apparent. The suggestion made that a meeting of our citizens be called to discuss the needs of the town is a good one. While many are aware of needful things in St. Johns, unless some action be launched in an effort to secure them, they will not be acquired. Why would it not be a good plan for the leading men of St. Johns to call a meeting where discussion may take place and views expressed? An opera house, hospital, apartment houses, hotels, laundry, more dwellings, all are live topics and an open discussion may bring out ways and means of acquiring them. Let us have a public meeting.

There is a rumor in the air that Standifer and associates are seriously considering the idea of locating their immense steel ship building plant on the land adjoining the elevator system in North St. Johns. As is known, the Dock Commission has sixty acres of unexcelled land there that will not be needed for elevator or tary stamp of her twenty-five! coal bunker purposes, and it is said, is willing to have this land utilized for industrial purposes at a rental cost of only to meet the same kind smile and shake of the head! Amy told her mother, and when Mrs. Wells sufficient to cover the interest sufficient to cover the interest little girl shook her head. on the investment, and being "I ought to be able to sell them out public land, there will be no side my home, mother, dear," she said. taxes to pay, thus making it of "That would be real work." that terminal charges will be ed with all transcontinal railthat Standifer may select St. Johns as the site. When the Christman. announcement was first made that Staandifer and associates said, with a smile, "and then carry this had secured contracts from the government for steel ships agcare of the same, it seemed to Vancouver would be the location were very kind and sweet. decided upon, but since the members of this company had hall, all warm and glowing from a their attention directed toward the many appealing features of the St. Johns site, there is a strong probability, it is said, tarts?" And there was Miss Beth that the big plant will be locat- Granger with a plate of mince tarts. ed here. May it be so,

Chester A. Vincent, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Vincent, of Leavitt street, arrived home last week from South America, where he has held responsible positions for the past four years. Chester was formerly on the engineer staff of the old city of St. Johns. During his enjoy the tarts. "Mother sent the absence he has witnessed many interesting sights and passed through some unusual experiences. He is glad to see St. Johns once more, and his many friends here are glad to have him return.

N. A. Gee will again resume jobs after January 1st, when he shyly, "I-I have some Christmas seals will be prepared to look after if you would like them. the little odd jobs around the city, where a handy man may be needed. For the past six months he has been serving as watchman at the oil tanks, which position he will sever with the coming of the New Year. N. A. states that practically the whole Gee tribe took supper with him at his home Christmas night, and all had a gloriously good time.

The Patriotic dance given in the skating rink last Thursday great basket for Mrs. Wells. There evening by the Knights of Pythias, was attended by about doll. The bottom of the basket was 100 couples, who enjoyed the filed with good things to eat. event immensely. An interest- "My Christmas week began with ing and enjoyable feature of the evening was the drill exhibition fell on her round cheeks, "and it is put on by the famous D. O. K. ending in tears too!" K. drill team. The manouvers were splendidly executed and elcited bursts of applause from

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# Christmas Seals

By CLARISSA MACKIE



only a few days before Christ. mas, and little Amy Wells was so happy. The teacher had given ber some Red Cross seals to sell, and when Miss Smith had distributed the red and white and green scals among her scholars she had explained to them all about the purpose of the Red Cross society and how the money

earned would be wounded soldiers. And she had not sold one single, soll-

How she had trudged around from

unusual attractiveness to pro- Mrs. Wells sighed and smiled. She spective manufacturers. Taken couldn't very well afford to buy even in conjunction with the fact the twenty-five stamps that Amy wantelimated and connection effect- died a year or two before, and Amy's in that little bousehold. Mr. Wells had mother had to sew for a living. She road lines as well as by water, was very busy, for she was trying to there is reason for the hope maish some work so as to receive the ioney in time to buy something for

"Kisa me, little daughter," Mrs. Wells dress up to Miss Granger on the hill." The Grangers lived in a big house at

the top of the hill. It was quite the gregating many millions of dol- targest house in Little River, and the lars and that they would erect three ladies lived there all alone with a million dollar plant to take two servants. There were Miss Belle Granger, Miss Lucy and Miss Beth. be a foregone conclusion that They were not very young, but they

The maid admitted Amy to the front great fire on the hearth. "How do you do, Amy? Wouldn't you like one of these little mince

"Oh, thank you!" gasped Amy as she ook one.

"Wait a moment and Annie will wrap it in a paper napkin so you can carry it home," said Miss Beth as she pressed a button for the maid. But when Annie came with the paper napkin, which was all gay with holly and Christmas bells, Miss Beth put all the mince tarts in it and gave it to Amy. "Oh, thank you so much!" repeated Amy, thinking how her mother would

"My sister is trying it on," said Miss Beth, "Watt a moment, Amy, and I

will get the money for you." She had just disappeared when Miss Lucy Granger came bustling through the hall. "I wonder if you would mail these little packages for me, Amy," she said. "I am so provoked because have used up my Christmas seals." "Of course I will mail the packages, his vocation as professor of odd Miss Lucy," said Amy; then she added

> "You have? How very fortunate!" Amy told her about the seals and low she had been unable to sell even one of them. To her great joy Miss Lucy bought the whole twenty-five and put the money in Amy's pocketbook, together with a bright silver quarter for herself. "I hope you will have a very happy Christmas, dear." Miss

The next day Amy took the Red Cross money to her teacher, and Miss Smith told her she had done very well. Early Christmas morning the Granger auto car stopped before the Wells was a new dress for Amy, with a warm

Lucy said

tears," laughed Amy as bright drops

"Tears of happiness, darling," said her mother.

the audience. Their natty and conspicious uniforms add much to the effect of the exhibition. National Bank; 7 to 9 P. M.



T was Christmas eve at the Bayville Home For Orphans, and three little boys sat in the chilly dining room oking out at the flying flakes of snow. It was after supper, and there was a clatter of dishes in the kitchen. "They say," said Jimmy, "there's

coing to be a big Christmas tree in the parlor tomorrow, with candy and presents and everything, but I'd rather hang up my stocking than have all the old Christmas trees. You betchn I would!" "So would I!"

echoed Bobby and George. "That trustee who was here today would make a dandy man for a father or an uncle," said Bob-

'He's awful "And he nin't got any children or any folks at

CURRIED ACROSS THE "I WISE TO "I wish he'd flected George.

He patted my head." "He must be lonesome without any folks," began Bobby. Then he leaned ever and whispered to his companions. Fifteen minutes later three little boys, the oldest ten and the youngest six, let hemselves out through a basement door and hurried across the snowy yard to the opening in the hedge which led through a patch of woods to the village. Mr. Bartley, the trustee, who often visited the home, lived in a big house with a wonderful garden. Everything was blanketed in snow now, and the big louse was dark save for a few lighted windows on the lower floor.

Soon they stood on the porch peering in at a cozy library, where Mr. Bart-

ley sat in a big chair before the fire, looking very Jonesome. A big dog, a collie, sat beside him with his head on his master's knee. Suddenly the dog lifted his head and barked. Mr. Bartley looked toid saw the three

little frightened boy faces peering In a jiffy he had jumped up. opened the window and lifted them in one at a "Good gracious

me! What are you doing out there?" THE DOG LIFTED HIS HEAD AND BARKED. he demanded.

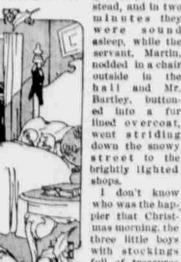
"Please, sir, we're from the home," said Bobby. "We knew you lived all alone-and-we thought maybeyou'd like to hire us three kids to spend Christmas with you. We don't want any tree," explained Bobby. "We just want to hang up our stockings and wake up-something like home-before we came to the 'sylum." Tears were in the boys' eyes now.

Mr. Bartley flourished a handkerchief and tried to laugh, but his voice cracked so queerly.

"Now, that's a funny thing," he de-"I was just wishing I had three nice boys to spend Christmas with me-and maybe live with me all the time."

By and by Mr. Bartley called a manservant, and together they took the three little boys up to bed. Then they hung their stockings on

the corners of the big four post bed-



were sound asleep, while the servant, Martin nodded in a chair outside in the hall and Mr. Bartley, buttoned into a fur lined overcont, went striding down the snowy street to the brightly lighted shops. I don't know who was the hap-

pler that Christmas morning, the three little boys with stockings full of treasures or big Mr. Bart ley, whom they

IN TWO MINUTES Called "Uncle THEY WELL ASLEY Dick." And the THEY WELL ASLEEP. best of it all was that Mr. Bartley adopted all three of the little lads who came to him that Christmas eve, and they are growing

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